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BEGIN SUMMARY: MESSAGE RESPONDS TO WASHINGTON QUERY REGARDING US PARTICIPATION IN NIAG AD HOC SHORADS STUDY GROUP. HUGHES BONN OFFICE REPRESENTED US AT MEETING OF 25 FEB 75. MISSION SUGGESTS THAT WASHINGTON CONSIDER MATTER OF FUTURE REPRESENTATION AND PASS ALL INFORMATION TO US NIAG PLENARY DELEGATION. END SUMMARY.

1. THE NATO INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY GROUP (NIAG) AD HOC GROUP ON AIR DEFENSE MET AT NATO HQS 25 FEB 75. SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION WAS SHORT RANGE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (SHORADS). PARTICIPATION ORIGINALLY WAS TO BE RESTRICTED TO EUROPEAN SHORADS PRODUCING NATIONS ONLY (UK, FRANCE, FRG AND ITALY). ON ABOUT 21 FEB 75 A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF INFORMED MISSION THAT SINCE US DECIDED TO BUY ROLAND II, HE ANTICIPATED THAT US WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE, BUT IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE US WAS NOT PLANNING TO ATTEND. IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME BEFORE MEETING MISSION COORDINATED DIRECTLY WITH HUGHES INTERNATIONAL (BRUSSELS AND BONN) AND NIAG VICE CHAIRMAN (WILLEKENS) TO ARRANGE FOR HUGHES PARTICIPATION. MR. GARY VON UNCLASSIFIED

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KAMPEN FROM HUGHES BONN ATTENDED THE MEETING ON 25 FEB 75.

2. IN RESPONSE TO WASHINGTON QUERY (REFTEL) USNATO CONCURS IN CONTINUED HUGHES REPRESENTATION. ALTHOUGH MATTER IS NOW IS

HUGHES CHANNELS, WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THE MATTER OF
FUTURE REPRESENTATION WITH HUGHES HOME OFFICE. IN THE MEANTIME
VON KAMPEN WILL BE INFORMED OF THE GROUP'S ACTIVITIES.

3. REQUEST THAT WASHINGTON PASS THIS INFORMATION TO US
NIAG PLENARY DELEGATION. BRUCE

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